

# HELLO THERE CENTRAL!!

Give me that Big Department Store—Lee Mercantile Co. isn't it? Hello! is this Lee Mercantile Co.? Have you anything special for tomorrow on sale? What? A Remnant Sale? What of? Dress Goods, Silks, Linings and Outing Flannels, did you say? And at 33 1/3% discount? Well I'll certainly be on hand and notify my neighbors too! And you want me to bring my Christmas purchasing lists with me also? Rather early isn't it? Yes, only twenty-five days left before Christmas, that's a fact. Well, I'll be on hand then.

Hello Central! this is the Lee Mercantile Co. Please connect all Alma and vicinity—What, all Alma? Yes, all Alma and vicinity, with each section of our store. We have important news to-day. All right, Lee Mercantile, it's done.

Christmas but twenty five days away and all your purchasing undone? Why wait until the last moment? Broken stocks, depleted shelves—choice of pretty things narrowed down, and why? Just because you waited until your neighbor, smarter than you, secured first chance. Every department in our store is open, ready to show you full lines of merchandising suitable for sensible Christmas gifts.

Table Linens, bought expressly for Holiday trade. Handkerchiefs, in profusion—Linen and Swiss, embroidered, lace trimmed, initial and silk, plain hemstitched in linen and cotton. We can sell handkerchiefs 25 cents per dozen, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c up to 75c.

Gloves, Belts, Pocketbooks, Pillow Tops, Fine Wool Blankets, etc. Our China and Glassware department is full to overflowing with pretty things that must certainly claim your attention for Christmas presents. In fact all the sections of our store are ready for YOU.

## LEE MERCANTILE COMPANY,

## ALMA, MICH.

### Alma College

Miss Grace Watrous entertained her sister from Caro during the Thanksgiving vacation.

On account of the break down at the electric light plant, Monday night, there was many a "dark" the following day. Some things students can do in the dark, but not study.

Miss Allen and Mrs. St. John attended the concert at Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday evening, given by the celebrated German musician, Max Reinbach and his daughter, of Chicago.

Although a great many students ate turkey at home last week, there were about eighty left to partake of the beautiful Thanksgiving dinner at Wright Hall, Thursday.

The November number of the Almaonian appeared last week and speaks great credit for the management. It is the annual foot ball number, and the cover has a picture of the team in the center of a foot ball. The design for the foot ball cut was drawn by Paul J. Alford, '07, and the workmanship is superb.

The Zeta Sigma Literary Society will give their annual public in the college chapel, Monday evening, December 19. The program will consist of an address by the president, an original poem, an oration, a declamation, and an original story by different members.

Dr. Brucke announces that a valuable addition to the Ethical laboratory will arrive in a few days, a bronze bust of Plato and an imitation marble bust of Immanuel Kant. These have been on exhibition at the St. Louis fair, and were manufactured by August Gerber at Cologne, Germany.

The indoor gymnasium work is under head way and all students are required to take part. Miss Brightman has charge of the girls' work and Coach Wilson has the boys' classes as well as basket ball and wrestling. These two phases of indoor work have received a great deal of attention at Alma in former years, and the outlook this year is very encouraging. The new men are showing up well and there is abundant material for some good teams.

Manager Cratzenburg has arranged an unusually fine basket ball schedule which is as follows:

December 16—Bay City M. C. A. at Bay City.

January 13—Ypsilanti at Alma.

January 21—Olivet at Alma.

February 4—M. A. C. at M. A. C.

February 24—Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti.

March 4—Saginaw Y. M. C. A. at Alma.

March 18—M. A. C. at Alma.

Angell Foot Ball Captain for 1905.

At a meeting of the foot ball team, Monday, Charles Frank Angell was unanimously elected captain of the team for next year. Angell has played center on the varsity for three years, and is perhaps the most popular man on the team among the players and the students body, as well as a foot ball player of rare ability. He weighs 185 pounds and his height is 5 feet 11 inches. He entered Alma in the fall of 1902, having never seen a foot ball game, and at the close of his first season, was chosen by M. A. C. for center on the All-Michigan Intercollegiate team. Both seasons since he has been the first choice by the colleges of the state for the pivotal position on the All-M. I. A. A. team.

A sure preventative of appendicitis is the drinking of liberal quantities of water each day. It is estimated that the average man drinks about one-half of the amount of water needed by the body each day. This is also said to be the secret of keeping fat, accumulating good blood and resisting cold of the winter. Let the internal and external water cures be liberally applied this winter and doubtless better health for the public than was experienced last winter will ensue.

Frank Lamb, of Greenville, who has been twice elected county clerk and twice defeated for judge of probate in Montcalm county, on the democratic ticket, evidently thinks he has played even, and now announces that henceforth he will vote the republican ticket and work for its success.

"Never mind," said the friend, soothingly, "you will wake up some morning and find yourself famous." "Not much!" growled the pessimistic poet, "it would be just my luck to over sleep myself that morning."

### Our Schools

The seventh grade room has been beautified by a chrysanthemum plant purchased by the pupils of the grade.

A social drama, "Over the Teacup," by Paul Lester Ford, is to be given by members of the Semi-High school. The collection and distribution of vegetables for the poor, was very well taken care of this year. Each grade contributing a good supply.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Sophomore's and Freshmen lined up against the Seniors and Juniors in a football game. The score being 12 to 0, in favor of the former.

The seventh grade have had framed and placed in their room, "Feeding her Birds," by the great French painter, Jean Francois Millet. The picture represents a peasant woman feeding her three children who are seated in a large door way of a stone house.

Report of Alma Public Schools for month ending Nov. 25, 1904.

Total enrollment for year to date,	606
Present enrollment,	589
Average number belonging,	541
Average attendance,	500
Per cent of attendance,	93
Number cases of tardiness,	111
Number of non-resident students,	31
Number of visits from members of board,	9
Number of visits from superintendent,	24
Number of visits from other parties,	64

The cases of tardiness are distributed through the schools as follows: High school 43; eighth grade 10; seventh grade 14; sixth grade 6; fifth grade 6; fourth grade 3; third grade 5; second grade 7; first grade A, 10; first grade B, 9.

A. F. ROCKWELL, Supt.

### NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Pupils in the Public Schools Show a Remarkable Tendency Toward Promptness.

The following is a list of pupils from the Eighth Grade down, in Alma's public schools, who were neither absent nor tardy during the month of November:

Eighth Grade.

Karl Adams, Irene Arndt, James Argent, George Argent, R. D. Bradford, Henry Breece, Lena Borce, William Bittner, Ira Clow, Flossie Clark, Carolyn Delavan, Mary Dickerson, Will Ewing, Glen Fisher, Maude Hooper, Arthur Hattings, Leontine Messenger, Will Moody, Paul O'Hara, Charlotte Smith, Marion Spunney, Edna Veeder, Harry Willard, Barton Young.

Seventh Grade.

Harry Belbeck, Geo. Button, Goldie Chandler, Will Curb, Ruth Cook, Celia Cramer, Eliza Easley, Fenton Fishbeck, James Nouse, Paul Kress, Howard McNamara, Raymond McNamara, Lola Sife, Doris Smith, Beniah Weaver, Harold Wilson.

Sixth Grade.

Rena Allen, Edna Alverson, Dallas Brock, Pearl Bowers, Kathryn Currence, Alger Clark, James Clubb, Ray Cameron, Marjory DeLavan, Lester Fishbeck, Roy Guisak, Ford Gargett, Edith Hooper, Victor Kunch, Robert Lee, Hazel Latimer, Hazel McGrath, Laurence Montgel, Gertrude Pierce, June Popp, Arnold Robinson, Milan Ray, Bessie Schwartz, Queen Strong, Ora Whittemore, Mabel Wynne, Clyde Weaver, Alger Wood.

Fifth Grade.

Lena Argent, Rex Button, Edward Bahlke, Vay Breece, John Becker, Troy Babcock, Paul Clark, Sidney Cook, Albert Carter, Orville Dykeman, Volney Davis, Helen Engelmann, Rubea Francis, John Gaffney, Daisy Havlin, Helen Latimer, Clara Nesbitt, Roy Richards, Mary Stearns, Ella Worden, Laurence Whelan.

Fourth Grade.

Dole Breece, Rodney Burgess, Pearl Bortles, Harmon Belbeck, Blanche Becker, Bertie Clubb, Winnie Cooper, Jay Garner, Duane Cowdery, Mattie Cameron, Clarence Chandler, Hollis Clark, Addie Davis, Linda Dickerson, Keith Ewers, LeRoy Fuller, Bertha Hammond, Glen Hale, Emma Hammer, Carlton Gill, Flora Kinch, Florence Lutz, Chas Lewis, Don Lane, Harold Miller, Reginald McClinton, Orris Phinney, Lola Ray, Leo Rowley, Donald Smith, Margaret Smith, Miriam Tinker, Mary Upthegrove, Effiea Udell, Helen Willard, Hattie Whelan.

Third Grade.

Laura Anshury, Urtis Belbeck, Bessie Cramer, Harry Dingler, Irene Dallas, Herman Engelman, LeRoy Fishbeck, Marie Fisher, Ruth Hooper, Lois Hoag, Clarence Kress, Walter Lewis, Byron McClarty, Homer Marvin, Frank Moore, Carl Nicholson, Eva Phinney, Dorothy Pierce, Joe Stearns, Martha Summers, Bennie Thompson, Clarence Watson.

Second Grade.

Clarence Banghart, Marjorie Biddison, Eva Cowles, Ruth Davis, Arlo Eckert, Freda Hammer, Jehal Hamp, Mable Houser, Lucie Lee, Elaine Losey, Mela Lottner, Nellie Lewis, Anna Lutz, Allen Morey, Adra Miller, Paul Nesbitt, Lillian Popp, Elma Ray, Gladys Thompson, Martha Windate Tinker.

First Grade A.

Maggie Breece, Raymond Barber, Charlie Cramer, Hattie Cooper, Glyde Cronson, Josephine Dean, Milton Dallas, Don Fuller, George Hooper, Mary King, Edie Moore, Clyde Marvin, Agneron Montgel, Gladys McGrath, Ernest Phinney, Leon Robinson, Edna Worden.

First Grade B.

Clyden Adams, Harlo Smith, Merlin Richards, George Cameron, Dan Entler, Jimmie Howe, Albert Atkinson, Laurence Engelman, Lucy Linder, Velma Roliz, Pearl Mosher, Beverly McClarty, Clarence Fishbeck, Harry McCoy, Ernest Bailey, George Isham, Carl Sartor, Alfreda Wilson.

Those not absent but tardy once are Edna Robins and Bernice McKinley.

### HIGH SCHOOL SONG.

Alma High School, just the place I'm going to be, both you and me. For it is the very place that we couldn't do without. In our studies and our sports we always were thoughtful. While we are going through High School.

Chorus.

Burrah! Burrah! for "Alma on the Pine," Burrah! Burrah! for the High School, that's so fine. Every boy and girl now ought to join us in. While we are going through High School. Listen now while I tell you about everybody here. First in line comes the great man, our superintendent, gets us started while our minds are clear. He's the one that gets us started while our minds are clear.

Our principal next does come in view and she can't be beat, I say. "True laboratory spirit" always rules us every day. When talking to a class she does it always the right way. While we are going through High School.

Mrs. Clark our language teacher, is the next that we see, our history teacher falls in line and then—Omy, Ome. Our English teacher, she's the one that has us both you and me. While we are going through High School.

Thomas F. McGarry who was convicted of bribery in the Grand Rapids water cases and sentenced to the Iowa Reformatory, has asked for a pardon. The case is to be considered by the state board of pardons, Dec. 1st.

### OBITUARY.

John C. Hawley was born in Lennox county, Canada, Jan. 4, 1833, of sturdy English stock. His grandfather was a major in the army of King George III, and after the Revolutionary war the Hawleys moved to Addison county, Canada, where many of their descendants still live.

John Hawley was married to Miss Flora Diamond in 1855, who preceded him to the better country thirty two years ago.

In early life Mr. Hawley was convicted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church and throughout his life retained his faith in God and his interest in the church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hawley were born six children, three boys and three girls. Three daughters and one son survives to mourn his departure. Mrs. Ada Rasco, Vinna, Kansas; Mrs. S. L. Bennett, Alma; Mrs. A. W. Brock of Alma; Mr. Chas. L. Hawley, Chilren.

Last spring Mr. Hawley suffered a severe and trying illness from the effects of which he never entirely recovered. Wednesday evening he was taken with neuralgia and passed away Friday morning at seven o'clock.

The funeral was held from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brock, where he had his home for the past five years.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to record our appreciation of the kindness of our friends at the time of the death of our father, Mr. John C. Hawley, and to thank the friends of the L. A. S. and the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church for the beautiful floral tributes.

CHAS. L. HAWLEY.  
MR. AND MRS. S. L. BENNETT,  
MR. AND MRS. A. W. BROCK.

The editor of a weekly paper recently called at the "home of the bride's parents" the day after the wedding.

He was desirous of telling his readers all about the event and wished to give the young couple a good send-off as well. The bride's mother met him. "Good morning, Mrs. Jones," said the editor. "I've called to get some of the details of the wedding." "Goodness," replied Mrs. Jones in dismay, "they've all gone. You ought to have come last night. They ate every scrap."

C. W. Vining, hawking druggist and postmaster at Lakeview, has been turning his attention to the raising of Ginseng a few years past and has developed a patch of about a quarter of an acre that is doing fine. Has a couple of small beds of this valuable root that have sold to the amount of about \$80. He is enthusiastic over the culture and proposes to go into the business quite extensively. An acre of four year old roots is worth about \$15,000.

An exchange says: We feel sorry for the man who does not take his home paper. He is no better than a man without a country. He is like a homeless cow, that has no regular pasture, but grazes promiscuously on weeds and thistles. No matter what other papers he may read the straight forward citizen always insists on having his home paper.

There are probably but few voters in Michigan who have exercised the elective franchise for a longer period than our honored citizen, Nathaniel Searing. For 63 years he has voted in Lyons township, only missing one election in 64 years. Mr. Searing is a Republican, was born in New York state in 1841 and came to this township in 1858.

A secretary of a fire insurance company tells of an old woman who called on an agent to arrange for insurance on house and furniture. "We haven't had no insurance for five years," she explained; "we hev j'st bean dependin' on providence; but I says to my old man, I says, that's terrible risky, I says."

Bill had a billboard. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill he had Bill so that bill sold the billboard to pay his board bill. So after Bill sold his billboard to pay his board bill the board bill no longer bored Bill.—Yale Exposition.

You Cannot Change

the course of a storm by tearing down the signals that give warning of its approach. Neither can you cure a cold by temporarily stopping a cough with opium laden "medicines." Allen's Lung Balm, in which there is no opium cures sore throats and sore lungs because it allays the inflammation and rid's you of the mucus that stops up the air passages.

### MAJORS' NEU-RAL PILLS

CURE ALL STOMACH TROUBLES

EASY TO TAKE, QUICK TO CURE.

When there is anything the matter with your stomach take MAJORS' NEU-RAL PILLS after eating. Relief guaranteed or money refunded.

"I am 47 years old and as long as I can remember I have never felt so well as I do with my stomach trouble goes; have only used 4 boxes; would advise all sufferers to try MAJORS' NEU-RAL PILLS and be convinced of their merit.—C. C. FIELDS, Shepherd, Mich."

50c per box, at all druggists or sent postpaid by

ALMA CHEMICAL CO., Alma, Mich.

## That Holiday Stock

of ours is now unpacked and we claim it to be one of the best and most attractive lines that has been shown in Alma for years, and you will only need to glance it over to decide so too.

## Special Holiday Stationery

in the window this week, and the prices, 40c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 70c, 80c and \$1.00, are very low for that grade and style of paper. Mostly double quantity boxes, remember.

You ought to be sure and stop in to see our full Christmas line before buying. And the prices we will make you will be simply irresistible.

## Stanard's Central Drug Store.

### MONTH'S MEDICINE ON TRIAL.

Generous Offer to All With Weak Digestion or Stomach Troubles.

With every box of Mio-na sold, Chas. Rhodes gives the following guarantee bond, assuring the purchaser that the money will be returned if after a month's use, the remedy has not given satisfaction.

### Guarantee Bond.

He hereby agrees to refund the money paid for Mio-na on return of empty box. If the purchaser tells me that it has failed to cure dyspepsia or stomach troubles. This guarantee covers two boxes, or a month's treatment. Price 60c per box.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone whose food does not digest as it ought, who has to take thought about when and what to eat, should take advantage of this generous offer of Chas. Rhodes.

Mio-na is almost invariably successful in curing stomach trouble of all kinds from a acute attack of indigestion to a chronic case of dyspepsia. By its use new rich blood is made, the weight increased and health restored.

If Mio-na were not successful in 99 cases out of 100, an offer like this would be ruinous. This offer shows the great faith Chas. Rhodes has in the health-giving powers of Mio-na, and you should begin its use at once. Try it for a month anyway. If it fails to help you, the cost is absolutely nothing while if it does what is claimed for it, the expense is trifling.

Howard City merchants are discussing the advisability of closing at 6:30, standard time, all nights except pay nights and Saturdays. Hardware stores have already signed an agreement to close at that time, and the drug stores close at 8 o'clock. There are many who favor the 6:30 hour.

Just as a Fire

spreads in dry grass and weeds, so does an inflammation of the throat—the result of a cold—grow down in the sensitive air passages of the lungs. The cold, like the fire, should be promptly dealt with. When you begin to cough, use Allen's Lung Balm. It will certainly heal the sore throat and lungs and it may save you from consumption.

Allen's Lung Balm.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

W. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

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### PROBATE ORDER OF HEARING.

State of Michigan, County of Gratiot, ss:—At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Gratiot, holden at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, on Monday the 29th day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred four, Present, Isaac S. Seaver, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mable Branch, Deceased, Isaac S. Seaver, Judge of Probate, on reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Hester Keeler, guardian of said minors, praying that she may be licensed to mortgage the real estate of said minors for the purpose of paying debts.

Thereupon it is ordered, That Saturday, the 24th day of September, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the next of kin and heirs at law of said minors and all other persons interested in said estate, be required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County of Gratiot for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

ISAAC S. SEAVER, Judge of Probate

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Excursions

VIA THE

PERE MARQUETTE

LOW RATES TO CHICAGO.

Excursion Wednesday, November 30.

Ticket agents will sell round trip excursion tickets to Chicago on Wednesday, Nov. 30, good to return until Saturday, Dec. 7, 1904, at very low rates.

Ask agents for particulars. 40-41

ADDRESSES WANTED.

In the matter of inheritance, one Friedrich Wernath, son of John and Anna Corn Steitler or his descendants are requested to send their addresses to the Swiss Consulate, 18 Exchange Place New York, N. Y. Said parties lived in 1874 in Newark, Gratiot county, Mich. resp. in DeLance township, Ohio.

A Victory to be Proud of.

is the first and absolute cure of a sore throat, in which the rawness and tenderness have been spreading dangerously near those guardians of life, the lungs. The luxury of a sound throat and robust lungs is most keenly enjoyed by people who, having suffered all the consequences of "a little cold, you know," have been rescued from misery and danger by Allen's Lung Balm.

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